(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) There is no scheme under consideration of Government to extend unemployment allowance for elderly people. However, many State Governments are providing unemployment allowance and disability pension to persons with disabilities.

Financial assistance is also given to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for running Old Age Homes, Day Care Centres and Mobile Medicare Units under the Integrated Programme for Older Persons. There is a provision of Rs. 18.79 crores for the year 2004-05 under this scheme.

Under the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme, NGOs are supported in running special schools, vocational training programmes and other rehabilitation services for disabled persons. This year there is a provision of Rs. 80 crores under this Scheme.

Adoption of abandoned infants is facilitated through funding Shishu Grihs for which there is a budgetary provision of Rs. 2.65 crores this year.

Draft legislation for minorities

†1111: SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Minorities proposes to present its draft to Government for a new legislation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Commission is of the view that it is the minorities which have mostly suffered in the communal riots that took place so far; and

(d) if so, by when the new legislation would be enacted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) National Commission for Minorities (NCM) has no proposal to present to the Government, a draft regarding new legislation to tackle

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communal violence. It is not correct that the Commission is of the view that it is the minorities which have mostly suffered in the communal riots that took place so far in the country.

Reservation to Backward Classes amongst minorities

†1112. SHRIMATI MAYASINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to constitute a National Commission for providing reservation in Government jobs, educational institutions etc. to the backward classes amongst the minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Commission is likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) A National Commission to recommend measures for welfare of socially and economically backward section among Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) including reservation in education and Government employment has been set up *vide* Resolution No. 1-11/2004-MC(D) dated 29.10.2004 published in Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part-I Section-I.

Job reservation in private sector

1113. SHRIMATI HEMAMALINI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the issue of bringing in a legislation for reservation of jobs in the private sector has been rejected by Government;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Government have made their position clear to all the allies, particularly the left parties; and

(c) what is Government's latest stand on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) According to the National Common Minimum Programme, the

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